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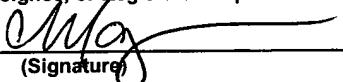
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

40 Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the office action dated 2 October 2002 ("Office Action"), which set a shortened thirty (30) day response period.

REMARKS

45 Reconsideration of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action required election to a single disclosed species. Claims 1 - 26 are pending in the application.

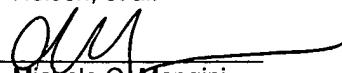
50 Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the invention of Group 1 (claims 1 - 20 and 23 - 26), with traverse. Applicants further respectfully elect to prosecute the species, "acetaminophen" with traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims include sufficiently few species such that a search and examination of all of the species (in all of the claims) at one time would not

5 impose a serious burden. Therefore Applicants respectfully submit that the invention as
claimed in claims 1 - 26 may best be examinable in one application.

It is submitted that the foregoing remarks place the case in condition for allowance.
A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

10 Respectfully submitted,
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